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Marine and Naval Reserves Attract Ten Shakerites

Seventeen-Year-Olds, Fulfilling Requirements, To See Service in Armed Forces After College

Fulfilling the necessary requirements, a number of 17-year-old Shaker Seniors have enlisted in the Marine or Naval Reserve Corps.

Those who have been accepted for the Marine Corps are Bill Cowan, Bill Horner, John Sullivan, Allan Roberts, Pat Day, Bob Ruthenberg, Bill Anderson; for the Naval Air Corps, Scane Bowler, George Martin, and Bill Farmer.

The Marine Corps enlistees must be in the upper two-thirds of their class, recommended by three teachers and three other non-pedagogue citizens, and in excellent physical condition. Although they can be withdrawn from school in case of an emergency, the boys will be inactive until they are graduated from college. They will then be sent to a Marine Corps officer candidate school.

The Naval Air Corps requires the enlistees to be in the upper half of their class, recommended by three teachers, and in excellent physical condition. They are also required to be interviewed and tested by the Naval Air Cadet Selection Board in Detroit before they are finally accepted. The enlistees are sent to college for two months and then enter a naval flight preparatory school, after which they remain in active service for four years.

These Are the Minute Men of Shaker High

Back Row—U. S. Marines: Bill Anderson, Bob Ruthenberg, Bill Horner, John Sullivan, Pat Day, Bill Cowan. Front Row—Naval Air Corps: Bill Farmer, Scane Bowler, George Martin. Not in picture: Allan Roberts.

Bill LeLievre Returns With Scholarship

By Shirley Weiner

Bill LeLievre, Shaker's contribution to the Science Talent Search held in Washington, D. C., returned to Shaker March 3, with a memory full to capacity of "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences to pass on to us at home. He stayed at the new Statler Hotel with the other 39 contestants, who, as Bill said, "came from all parts of the country from California to Maine." These forty young scientists had five days in Washington, during which time they managed to take in most of the historical exhibits as well as the scientific.

The winners attended six sessions of the Science Talent Institute, where eminent scientists spoke on material including "Vocational Opportunities," "Cancer Cells," and "Next Steps in Electrical Engineering." During these sessions, Bill met Watson Davis, director of Science Service, who, he reports, looks more like Winston Churchill than anyone he has ever seen. Although Bill found these speeches enjoyable, he preferred the informal open forum discussion they had one evening, with several leading scientists.

Not all their time was spent listening to speeches. One day Bill and several other fellows got into a cab and asked the driver to take them to the most expensive place in town. (Westinghouse was paying for everything.) That place proved to be the Statler Hotel, where they had been living for several days, so they went somewhere else.

For entertainment they were taken to see the play "Harriet", starring Helen Hayes. Because it was the last night, the theatre was crowded, but they had the best seats. Miss Hayes' acting made the play "amazingly good."

They also managed to visit the Supreme Court, and meet Vice President Henry Wallace. When we asked what Vice President Wallace had to say, Bill replied "Hello!"

Surprisingly enough there was no final exam, but instead an interview with several psychologists, who "fired questions at you faster than you could answer them." Although Bill didn't think he had done so well in this, we were confident that he was being modest.

On the last night of their visit, they were given a dinner in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler, where hard-earned scholarships were handed out. Bill was presented with a Westinghouse Science Scholarship which he hopes to use at M. I. T.

Name 11A Social Chairman

"I really didn't expect to be elected, but I'm sure happy I was," said Jean Michell, new social chairman of the Junior class. Jean's duties will consist of heading the committee for the Junior Prom, and other affairs sponsored by the Junior class.

Betsy Milligan, former chairman, moved from Shaker, and an election was held between Jean and Warren Craven. The other Junior officers are Renny Thompson, president; Chuck Wise, vice president; Sally Finley, secretary, and Bruce Macrae, treasurer.

Six Seek Assistant Treasurer Position

The job of Assistant Treasurer in our school is being considered by Jack Holdstein, Tom Miller, Don Opatrny (11A), John Colman, Nancy Hess, and Jonathan Steiner (11B). But just as they are considering the opportunities this particular job affords, so are they going to be considered for the office. Each applicant's record will be thoroughly gone over. Information on his method of work and his character will be obtained from the class teachers and carefully considered. An eligible person must be in the 11th grade, so that he or she will be able to serve for two complete semesters.

Following this general check up, the applicants will be gathered together to take an examination testing their knowledge of how to handle books, make out checks, keep accounts — practically everything concerning the care of money. When elected, the new officer will learn his job from Mary Jo Taylor, the present treasurer. Gradually, in April, he will be given full charge of the books, under Mary Jo's supervision, so that he can have the experience of keeping them straight. In May, when new officers are elected, he will automatically become the student treasurer.

Paul Bunyan Passed!

Shocked awake by some mysterious force, Mrs. Dan Shaw felt the house tremble as if from a terrific impact. She dashed to her daughter's room, but Pat had not fallen out of bed. The trembling was caused by something else, an earthquake, perhaps. That was the correct solution, and Mrs. Shaw returned to her dreams.

At the same time Charlie Gruttadauria, who was bowling, wondered how he achieved that strike, without even trying. The earthly tremor of March 8 was felt by several Shakerites, who thought that either the Ravenna arsenal or the furnace had exploded. A few more experienced students realized immediately that terra firma was afflicted by an internal convulsion. Elaine Jackson, a former resident of California, considered it "nothing at all." The calmness of Fred Hempy was amazing. He roused to semi-consciousness and realized that there was a quake—between snores.

But Molly Schleicher was far from collected. She firmly believed that her sister had driven into the side porch. George Sternad's first reaction was inspection of the oil burner. Margo Moore and her mother came to the conclusion that Mr. Moore was moving furniture. (At 11:26 P. M.?)

Our own suave Richard Peter Gonda had retired to read Tolstoi's "War and Peace." Immediate correction. Dostoyevski's "Crime and Punishment." He suddenly decided he was getting the latter for the former. Mrs. Kortz was just positive that Al was wrestling in the basement. "I was quite startled when the bed rose," said Mildred Macko. Miss Barbara McGuire, that gal who enjoys making like Veronica Lake, was sure that "the termites had finally got us."

Army, Navy Test Given April 2

By John Biskind

The Army and Navy, in order to save time in the classification and recognition of officer material are giving a qualifying exam on Friday, April 2 in Shaker as well as colleges and high schools all over the country. The plan provides for the examination of male students who have attained their 17th birthdays by July 1, 1943 and who have graduated or expect to graduate prior to that date.

The exam is designed to secure information useful in selecting students for college training, and classifying all others in respect to relative trainability. Under the Army Specialized Training Program, the potential officer candidate will be assigned to an Army Spec. Training unit as an enlisted man on active duty receiving the pay of a private seventh class. To be eligible for Officer Candidate School or Army Spec. Training Program, the applicant must be morally and physically qualified and must show potential officer qualifications, including appearance and scholarship records.

The qualifications for the Navy College Training Program remain the same as under the V-12 program. Eligibity for this program includes moral and physical qualifications as well as 18/20 uncorrected vision in each eye.

Individual choice of curriculum will be given serious consideration, although the Army or Navy will assign each candidate to the curriculum for which he is best fitted. Those who qualify for these programs will be sent to a college which the Army or Navy specifies, (at their expense), after a basic training course of thirteen weeks, to be trained in the field the candidate is best suited. Candidates who do not qualify for these programs will still be under the call of their local draft boards.

Those students already accepted in the Navy V-1 program are not eligible.

Information concerning these or any other service programs is obtainable through the principal's office.

Drop a Line . . . .

. . . to our faculty in the armed forces. They'll be glad to hear from you.

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Downed by Algebra, Chuck McGuire Turns to Poetry

In the midst of a college algebra class, Monday, March 1, Chuck McGuire, Shaker's business manager, became ill. Since then he has been at St. Luke's Hospital recovering from a pleural condition. Chuck, believe it or not, Miss Wickwire, has taken to writing poetry in his spare time during the convalescent period.

Ah, the Life of a Mermaid! Shaker Lasses Know the Trials and Tribulations

By Myrl Goulder

Splashing through 70,000 gallons of water yearly, are a large majority of Shaker's lovely lasses. But the nifty crawl and the thrilling jack-knife aren't the whole story; here is a picture of what goes on behind the scenes.

The line, resembling the riotous queue now seen at the butchers, is merely a mass of feminine early-birds anxious to get the first choice of bathing suits (that's what they are generally termed although they fit more like potato-sacks). Indeed, the size situation has become so drastic that Betty Masek has been setting her alarm clock a half-hour earlier these days so that she can get the precious "30" bathing suit before Elaine Jackson gets her hands on it. Ah, Vanity!

Despite all safety precautions, a few minor accidents are expected to occur during the year in the pool. No one however, anticipated that girls would be so anxious to arrive at class on time that they would take to running at top speed through the halls. The patch that Carol Crossman has been wearing on her knee lately was a result of a mishap occurring while she was dashing from biology class to the pool. Promptness is a great virtue—but there is a limit.

One of the chief drawbacks of an early morning swim is that limp, absolutely straight look that the locks of the fairer sex acquire after a brief session below the surface. The stores that sell kerchiefs have been doing a "boom" business by providing colorful cotton squares in which the girls tie their hair. What with bobby-pins becoming as scarce as rubies (I for one would prefer bobby-pins, for you can't curl your hair with a ruby), and bathing caps a thing of the past, this seems the only solution.

Speaking of bathing caps, Zelma Pitt has the prize collection of them. Attempting to save her blonde tresses from a watery death, she winds a chamois over her hair, and on top of that, wears three—yes, actually three—precious rubber caps.

The pool is quite a discouragement to the girl who goes in thoroughly doused with her favorite perfume. When she emerges from the locker room, that faint scent you detect is not Lily of the Alley or Night in the Bronx, but the very delightful (?) odor of Essence of Chlorine.

Probably the most extraordinary sight of the year was witnessed a few weeks ago in the girls' locker room. One icy-cold morning an anonymous mermaid was seen clad merely in bathing suit and clogs, pacing back and forth through the locker room, and blissfully licking a chocolate ice-cream cone.

Sign of Times

All boys of Shaker who do not graduate this semester should be planning their future. The chances are better than even that each boy in the high school will serve in the armed forces when he reaches the age of eighteen. Even if the war is over by the time the youngest of the students graduates, Uncle Sam will probably have established a compulsory military training program.

According to statistics compiled by the Board of Education, one-fourth of the boys in high school would not receive their diplomas before induction; only twenty-five would get in a year of college. To meet the situation, a plan has been evolved which would allow nearly every boy to get his diploma and 250 to complete a year of college before seeing service.

Longer Summer Session. Instead of the eight weeks summer session, a twelve weeks session will be offered this summer. Students may take from one to four subjects, each one for a full semester's credit. Only strong students should carry four subjects. The tuition will be ten dollars a subject. No class will be organized for fewer than ten students. The summer session will begin on Monday, June 7, and close on Friday, August 27.

Five Subjects Instead of Four. Men will be encouraged to carry five subjects next year instead of four. Any who fail to maintain satisfactory work in five subjects will be required to drop one subject.

Early Admission to College. Many colleges will now accept outstanding students one semester or even one year before graduation from high school. The colleges will usually consider only those who have a majority of *A's* with no marks below *B*. When one term of college work has ben successfully completed, the high school diploma will be issued.

Correspondence Courses in the Army Institute. Nearly a hundred high school courses are offered through the Army Institute to men in the army, navy, or marine corps. Credit will be given for the successful completion of these courses. When all requirements for graduation are thus completed, the high school diploma will be issued.

Credit for Basic Army Training. One semester's credit in four elective subjects will be allowed upon the successful completion of the basic training in the army, navy, or marine corps. Colleges may refuse to accept these credits for admission. It is, therefore, wise to use these credits for securing a high school diploma only as a last resort.

It is up to every able male student to plan on as many of these programs as possible. A maximum of education is every man's duty to himself as well as his country.

Give for Victory

If you are between the ages of 18 and 60, weigh more than 110 pounds, and are in good physical condition, you should consider it a privilege to share your good health with our boys at the battle fronts by joining the ranks of the Red Cross Blood Donors.

Miss Helen Rock, school secretary and two-time donor herself, gives us first-hand information on the simple procedure. Since the Center at 3111 Prospect (which will soon move downtown to the new Red Cross Headquarters to be opened near Halle's) handles several hundred Donors daily to meet the tremendous quota assigned to Cleveland, an appointment is absolutely necessary—call ENdicott 7575. In case you think there is anything frightening about the process, most people agree that the needle prick in your finger is the only painful part of it. Preliminaries over, you climb up on a high table, the nurse attaches the tube to a vein inside of your elbow, and you start pumping. You do it yourself, you know, by alternately clenching and relaxing your fist over a roll of bandage. The next couple of days may find you feeling a little more tired than usual, and the band-aid which covers the pricked vein for 24 hours may remind you not to lift any hundred-pound weights, but you feel pretty pleased about that bronze pin you're wearing. After eight weeks have elapsed, you are eligible for your next donation, and take it from Miss Rock, you'll be anxious to go again and take a new recruit with you.

Student Seeks Advice

By Alice Shaw

Having always viewed with abject scorn those hapless souls who were unable to untangle for themselves the daily problems involving their spouse, the woman next door, or their mother-in-law, we decided to pop in and interview the omnipotent problem solver, Mrs. Maxwell, of the *Cleveland Press*.

Of course, being practical people, we did not expect to find that Mrs. M. was a cigar smoking, male reporter of the Hollywood variety, but we did find that Mrs. Maxwell wasn't Mrs. Maxwell. She is Erma Kruse, who took over the job a few years ago when the actual Mrs. Maxwell died. She is a very pleasant, tall, blond young woman 30 to 40 years of age (we didn't press this point). Her work consists of answering some two dozen woeful letters a day by personal interview, phone, or through her column. The majority of her letters come from girls and women (it seems they have problems like anything) who are mainly interested in marriage. Miss Kruse is a bachelor gal. Whether this state of single blessedness is fate or purpose we don't know, but Miss Kruse maintains that it is easier to achieve an objective attitude towards marriage when her mind is unencumbered by memories of hubby's untidiness, his in-laws, or the holes in his socks.

Miss Kruse takes her job very seriously, feeling a heavy responsibility in being an adviser to perplexed people in their social and moral crises. She attended Ohio State University where she started to major in group athletics. However, finding that the brawn over brain emphasis (excuse please, Mrs. Lommen) was depressing, she switched to group work in sociology (she likes groups, we guess). Thus imbued with a large social consciousness, she is careful to cooperate with local social agencies in some of the more serious problems coming into her ken. For example: On reception of a letter from a jealousy-crazed girl, contemplating cracking her faithless beau over the noggin, she calls in the Bureau of Juvenile Delinquency, and perhaps prevents this minor massacre. Her hobbies are reading and talking to people. Her greatest annoyance is the mistaken notion that her reading public is made up of the lower middle class. She mysteriously hinted at a very "hooty-tooty" following.

Miss Kruse, with an eye to circulation and the character of her market, tries to make the discussions in her column pertinent to current problems. Holding forth on war marriages, she intimated that there were going to be a lot of disillusioned young brides after the war is over. "My work certainly will boom then," she said.

We departed leaving her rubbing her hands together, with a look of childish glee in her eyes at the prospect of post-war problems.

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FIASCO BY FISKE

Never again will Alice Shaw lend her dramatic talents when the leading man offered is Don Kranze—even for the great cause of dramatizing Robert Burns' life. Comes Shaw to the line, "Kiss, Robbie?" and it took six men to hold Kranze.

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And speaking of the above mentioned dramatization, rumor has it that Hollywood talent scouts are out after Don Raymond because of his spirited imitation of a dog. What we'd like to know is—after talent or after blood?

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Most interesting conversation of the month: Jane Garrett (extremely excited) telling Bob Clapp (extremely interested) all about her coming (now past) week-end at Dartmouth and the darling little hat with the tiny bowl and the red fluff around it that she had especially made, etc., etc.

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Recalling the money movies made on the Dead End Kids, Mr. Bosch is thinking of making a series of films starring his sixth period class. First of the lot will be "The Dead Head Kids and Uncle Joe."

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Something horrible is going to happen if Barbara Denison doesn't stop dreaming what happens to her friends before they tell her about it.

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Congratulations—to Tom Hodges and Bob Holler, the basketball team's most devoted fans. They followed the boys from school to school, through thick and thin, through high water and high water.

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Open letter to Mrs. Barrow: A teacher should be proud of students such as yours—at least she should be proud of Bruce Narten, Allan Kortz, and our fond and devoted editor Richard Peter Gonda. Or haven't they told you how they spent many frostbitten hours in Narten's 45° garret-study, swathed in blankets, mufflers, and mittens, pouring over their German, and all for the sake of knowledge—and a test the next day?

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And you who heard those smoothly given announcements by Margerie Warren a few weeks ago never realized the time we had getting her to the microphone. She was so excited when sent for that she spent minutes trotting between desk and door in an effort to leave Miss Wickwire's room with both her books and her sanity.

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No one can accuse the history teachers of Shaker of lacking color. Mr. Thrailkill recently challenged Roger (Sugar) Bercu to a wrestling match.

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I can't imagine why, but several people keep telling me that B. Narten has this coming—the record column last month was not written by Bruce Narten. I'm still trying to find out whether those several people liked or disliked the column.

Lit Editor Leaves Shaker

"By all means, if you planned a college career before the war and can possibly carry it out, do so," said Shirley Cohen, ex-literary editor of the *Shakerite*, who is leaving us to pursue dramatics at Bennington College. This pretty, dark-haired, brown-eyed girl is known to all of Shaker for her participation in Shares, Central Committee, Miriam Stage, and many other activities.

Ever since she can remember, Shirley has planned and worked to go to Bennington to major in dramatics. She has proved herself outstanding in many school plays, as well as productions at Cain Park Theater. She plans to minor in modern dance and to include in her schedule chemistry, physics, and a language.

In losing Shirley Cohen, the *Shakerite* is indeed unlucky, but we know she will prove herself a success during and after her college days. And though it seems rather inadequate in farewell, here's wishing you luck, Shirley!

Alumni Echoes

Our alumni have really gone out for the war effort in a big way.

There's—

Pvt. William Walton, Company G 8th, at Camp Ritchie, Md.

Loren Burg, in the A. A. C. at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dave Thrailkil, now in the Air Corps.

Bob Nagel, who ranked second in every test he took in the Army Air Corps at Patterson Field.

Jack Taylor, Sr., now in the Army.

Ed York, at Great Lakes Naval Station.

Dick Lowe, in the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Jim Wattenmaker and **Ken Lynn,** who have been bunking together at Biloxi, Miss.

Alfred Gedge, now in the Navy.

Sue Peters, holding up the feminine end by joining the WAVES.

C. A. Black, in the Army Air Corps, stationed in Tenn.

Chuck Campbell, who's a staff sergeant in the A. A. C.

Hal Rosen, Lloyd Thompson, and **Byron Gates,** who did their bit at Guadalcanal.

Howard Weiss, an alumni since last year, appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Everett Cleveland, in the ground crew school of the A. A. C.

The Army station at Fort Hayes has expanded somewhat since the induction of **Bill Winslow, Chuck Davis, Bob Sherratt, Jay Brunner, Paul Kysela, Ken Kilmer, Jack Strome, Lee Swanson,** and **Art Newman.**

Camp Perry has seen the arrival of more Shaker grads. They are **Bill Oster, Ed Benes, George Crego,** and **Tony Trentenelli.**

Don Strate and **Bush Keeler** have left Camp Perry for unknown destinations. They both have made application for placement in the Army Air Corps.

On the home front we have:

Jean Rahn joining hearts with **Johnny Hanna.**

Loretta Grey following by becoming engaged to **Ted Cohan.**

Dick Laird sticking it out at the U. of Michigan.

Bob Jeavons pledging Alpha Delt.

Roger Doxsey attending Purdue.

Henderson Booth getting scholarships to both Yale and Deep Springs, Calif. He went to Deep Springs.

HEP HAVEN

By Bob Cole

The releases of late have been few and far between, but they are certainly more on the solid side than any of recent months. Among them is **"Rosie the Riveter,"** a most hep waxing which should prove strictly zoot for all your jive friends. It is presented by the Four Vagabonds, whose style resembles that of the Mills Brothers, and is reversed by **"I Had the Craziest Dream,"** which, I sadly report, is strictly from hunger. Another new number catching our attention is **"Murder He Says,"** a tune which has the cleverest lyrics I've heard in some time. The recording firms are really splurging their solid sending on this with Jimmy Dorsey, Dinah Shore, and Gene Krupa doing the honors. This tool (yours truly) leans to the Dorsey platter, which has a nice arrangement, plus the foxy warbling of Helen O'Connel. The reverse is a mellow piece of absolutely nothing, slinking around under the title of **"Let's Get Lost."** After hearing this, I felt like cutting the honorable Mr. Dorsey to shreds. Gene (the "drummer boy") Krupa follows up his so-so recording with a nice entitled **"Massachusetts,"** and Dinah Shore's backing consists of a mellow little job known as **"Something to Remember You By,"** which, I hear, is heading for big days. Dick Jurgens recently came out with a pleasing record of **"You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To"** and a reverse of **"I'm SO-SO-SO in Love,"** not a bad record at all for any square who likes his music sweet and soft. Finishing out our swing list is the Andrews Sisters discing of **"When Johnny Comes Marching Home,"** a record with swell lyrics and a catchy tune for all you who don't recall its run during the Civil War. Its back is a pleasing little ditty called **"East of the Rockies,"** which receives a strictly sharp treatment by the girls.

Thinclads Begin Training; Opener Set for April 16

By David Gray

Shaker begins its spring sport, track, with an array of last season's stars and some new hopefuls. Last year the team, under the guiding eye of Pat Troyan, claimed the title of "dual meet champions." With seven returning lettermen, Coach Troyan plans for another outstanding year.

Allan Kortz, number 2 miler in the city last year and L. E. L. champ, will lead again this year. Dick Jones and Phil Davis are also candidates. The half-mile position is still wide open, with Bruce Mullan leading the pack. In the 440-yd. dash John Horth is tops, with Frank Palumbo and Jay Standish pushing him. Senior Dick Combs is the pacer in the 220-yd. and 1000-yd. dashes. Eugene Parrino and Chuck Wise are furnishing his competition. The 120-yd. and 220-yd. hurdles race is the best fortified of all the track events. George Farrow and Bob Spurney are the leaders, with David Hoffman and Bob Davis as runners-up.

In the field events Shaker is only fair as compared to last year's team. The shot-put and discus are being handled by David "The Demon" Hoffman and Jack Taylor, while Emil Micsko is the returning pole vaulter. Bob Spurney and Joe Szekely are in the broad jump and high jump, respectively.

Coach Troyan wants all boys interested in track to come out and give it a whirl. East, John Hay, Latin, Shaw, University, and Heights are all on the schedule, with the first meet tentatively scheduled for April 16.

Better Teams Soon---Lee

"Shaker will once again see victorious teams on the gridiron and the hardwood court," declares Swimming Coach George T. Lee. "If previous standards hold up, our physical fitness program will not only pay dividends in the army, but will also do much toward giving us winning teams on our athletic fields in the near future."

Getting down to his own team Coach Lee informs us that last year was the first in Shaker swimming history that the team was able to win a dual meet. Lee explains this by the fact that we have had individual stars in the past, but this last year we had a well rounded, "non-sensational" team which worked as a unit. His two outstanding prospects are Gary Colton, free style, and Frank Tichy, back stroke. Here are Lee's all-star swimming class teams:

Upper Classmen

Dick Shupe, Paul Donovan, Jim Walters, Dave Hoffman, Sandy Dieter, Dick Stever, Fritz Hinz, and Jim Martin.

Lower Classmen

Bob Kormas, Bill Cody, Fred McLaughlin, Don Murray, Bob Studney, Gary Colton, Richard Thomas, Fritz Jackson, and Frank Tichy.

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Open Recreational Swimming Friday night 7:30 to 9 p. m. Only 15 cents.

Grapplers 3rd; 13 Win Letters

Not content with finishing their season with an admirable fifth in the city finals, the Red and White grapplers really turned on the aggressiveness to drive through to a third in the state rating. Instead of fading in the fresh competition of such schools as Wadsworth, Akron South, and Cuyahoga Falls, the matmen took another step toward a championship team by stacking up a total of 22 points. This placed Shaker below the much vaunted Hay squad and only one point short of a tie with the second place West Tech team.

Top honors go to J. Bentley Forker, a recent return to Shaker, who lost no time in bringing some championship to a hero-hungry "alma mammy" by carrying off the top honors in both the city and state 165-lb. divisions. Not far behind is 112-lb. Sophomore Don Macrae with second rankings in both finals. Don made an excellent showing and promises to be a smart, steady winner in the future. The records of the other qualifying boys were as follows:

City Finals

113	Macrae	second
128	Russo	third
134	Kortz	second
155	Brailey	fourth
165	Forker	first

State Finals

113	Macrae	second
121	Russo	third
128	Goodman	fourth
134	Kortz	third
155	Brailey	fourth
166	Forker	first
186	Konter	third

Co-captains Kortz and Russo were awarded gold keys for their second years as varsity men, while J. Sedlak, D. Macrae, B. Macrae, T. Pintaure, J. Rao, T. Frank, D. Brailey, J. Rini, J. Taylor, B. Mapes and B. Forker, were receivers of the first year letters.

Champs

Left: Bently Forker, state champ. Above: Don Macrae, runner-up.

Curvacious Capers

By Nancy Hess

Four new members were initiated into the Girls' Leaders Club, March 3. The formal initiation, which took place at school, was followed by a dinner party at Harriet Bigalow's. (What happened afterward is a military secret, but we heard that certain members were very sleepy the next day.)

The four initiates are: Florence Baggaley, Priscilla Berger, Nancy Bretschneider, and Daisy Graham.

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Mrs. Donahue has had so many various excuses from girls not wanting to go in swimming for one reason or another that she soon expects someone to say: "I'm sorry, teacher, but I can't go in today, 'cause I have a broken eyelash."

(And isn't it odd that there are about twice as many colds on Fridays as there are on other days? You boys ought to appreciate this!)

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What member of the after-school Bowling Club wanted the man at the Shaker Square alleys to give her ten cents in change for a penny?

Gelb Reviews Cage Season

By Vic Gelb

Spring comes, and John Shaker sees another basketball season become history. A season that was, for the most part, an unsuccessful one, although spotted with a few exciting moments. Moments as in the Cuyahoga Falls game when Shaker came so near winning their first game of the two seasons, only to lose in the overtime, 33-25. Then, when the Raiders bested Elyria, 35-25, and Jan. 8, when Shaker High experienced one of its greatest sport weeks, having not only both basketball squads coming out on top, but also having the wrestling and swimming teams winning.

But the Raiders' comeback was short-lived, and our victory-hungry quintet had to wait until the regular season was completed before they gained their next, and most sensational victory. The Shaker-Mentor fray at the Class A Tournament, held at Euclid Shore, depicted what a fighting Raider team could do. This was the game with a "movie" finish, Charley Longo playing the lead. On the short end of a 44-43 score, with but seconds left to play, Longo batted the ball out of one of his opponents' hands, and dribbled down the court and scored his ninth and winning basket of the game.

In their next game, however, the luck of the Raiders reversed, and they were eliminated by the Height's Tigers, 47-22.

Coach Jack Rafield's squad this year was composed of six seniors: Pat Day, Dick Enright (12-B), Bob Freed, Bob Johnson, Charley Longo, and George Sternad; and six juniors: Jim Faragher, Jim Hays, Eddie John (11-B), Bob Lax, Al Roberts, and Nay Sanna (11-B).

The boys are good players, and worked hard all season, but they couldn't stay on the winning track. They finished the season with two wins and thirteen losses. With a few breaks, the record might have been different.

The past season's reserve squad fared better than the varsity, winning four of their nine games. Coach Bun's Junior Raiders were doing fine until they were hit by the loss of some boys to the varsity. They, too, must be congratulated on their season's work. They did their jobs well, getting the needed experience to be varsity material.

THE TIP-OFF

By Fritz Hinz

Coach George T. Lee recently revealed that the following mermen have won letters for their outstanding achievement during the past season: Captain Chuck Parsons, Allen Sands, Wally Baker, Clif Perryman, Craig Smith, Aaron Brody, Fred Bell, Bud Sears, Scane Bowler (manager), Adrian Lathe, Jerry Gorman, and George Roudebush.

In previous years, anyone that won a race was awarded a letter, but now the team is rated by Lake Erie League standards. Nice goin', boys!

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A few Raider cager records:

High point for game—Charley Longo—18.

High point for season—Charley Longo—88.

Most times above 10 points—George Sternad—3.

Most consecutive games without substitution—Jim Faragher—10.

Best field goal average—George Sternad—25 per cent (20 out of 81 shots).

Best foul shooting average—Jim Hays—62.5 per cent (5 out of 8 shots).

Other achievements:

Longo made 9 field goals out of 19 shots in the Mentor game.

The team took 76 shots in the Mentor game which was tops of the season. They also scored the most points in the Mentor game. Jack Shaw set a season's record of 35 points in the Shaw encounter.

Shaker Seen to Hold Tennis-Golf Crowns

Unless transportation troubles force cancellation of the league meets, Shaker appears to be the odds-on favorite to retain her two Lake Erie League crowns in tennis and golf. Both Raider teams have last year's stars returning, and both have a promising crop of reserve strength.

This year's court team is particularly strong. The number one and two singles men, Don Stricker and Don Kornreich, are both back. Stricker placed second in the city-wide meet last year. Other seasoned players will be Hunt Blair, Bob Kaynes, Bob Riemenschneider, Bill LeLievre, Gary Colton, Dick Steuer, and Keith Kline. With this impressive array of veterans in their lineup, General John Harbourt's netmen should be a cinch to repeat last year's victories.

From pre-season prospects, the golfers also should give Shaker rooters something to cheer about. John Gleason, medallist in last year's loop meet, and Dick Enright will lead the team. Coach Rafeld says he expects the team to compare favorably with 42's championship quartet. Although dual meets with west side schools will probably not be scheduled, the Red and White will play Shaw and Heights and participate in the Lake Erie League meet at Lakewood.

STRICKER TOPS KEGLERS

With four weeks of the present season yet remaining, the boys' bowling club, under the sponsorship of Alvin G. Ames, announces the following standings:

	Won	Lost
Stricker (Captain), Bonn, Zucker, Abele	32	16
Paige (Captain), Black, Mr. Evans, Mr. Ames (sponsor)	29	19
McLoud (Captain), Farmer, Horth, Crego	24	24
Weiss (Captain), Alcorn, Vanderhoof, Barnett	20	28
Jacobson (Captain), Menyhert, D. Crowell, Reusch	20	28
Kline (Captain), Gleason, Riemenschneider, Rosar	19	29

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Shaker Puts Red Cross Fund Over the Top

In the annual Red Cross Drive, Shaker has again gone over the top, contributing $1,035.48 from the student body and $239.00 from clubs and extra-curricular organizations, making a grand total of $1,300.00.

Top honors go to Mrs. Edith Carothers' homeroom, 211, with Dick Jones as representative, which contributed $69.53, a figure 217% above their quota of a dollar per person. The next four homerooms in the order of their contributions were: 124, Mrs. Kathryn Emmert's homeroom, 136%, with Warren Templeton as representative; 18, S. D. W. Mill's homeroom, 125%, with Barton Haggard representative; 121, Miss Mildred Nichol's homeroom; 125%, with Katherine Pomeroy representative. Mrs. Harriet Strela's homeroom has the distinction of being the first to have a 100% contribution. Only three homerooms out of 35 failed to reach the 100% mark.

At the beginning of this campaign, a goal of a dollar per person was set. At that time Al Kortz stated: "There is nothing within reason that Shaker can't do if we all work together." His remark has been proved true, for Shaker has done even more than her share.

Boys Begin Refresher Courses in Math, English

For the 18-year-old boys who anticipate entering the army in June, Shaker is offering some helpful courses. Scheduled during flexible periods, they do not interfere with the pupils' regular studies.

The arithmetic refresher course is conducted by Miss Alma Bowen and Kenneth J. Watson. The work book provides a review of fundamentals. Students first take inventory tests followed by study of drill-helps to correct errors.

Miss Grace Graham conducts the English reading course. The work book, she points out, is headed, "Self-Improvement in Reading."

Although these are non-credit courses, about 60 pupils have enrolled in both the mathematics and English classes.

Dance Buys Service Plaque

Pioneered by four seniors, Dick Steuer, Bob Mapes, George Sternad, and Harold Deutsch, the first school dance ever given by a group of individual students took place Saturday, March 6, in the girl's gym. Proceeds of the dance were used to purchase materials for a Shaker service plaque. The plaque, an honor list of former Shakerites in service, will be made with the assistance of Charles W. Hanes of the manual arts department, and Miss Mabel Ely of the art department.

'La Boheme' Sung by Met Opera, April 9

High school students all over the county will have an opportunity to see the Friday afternoon, April 9, performance of the Metropolitan Opera at Public Hall. Seats costing $2.20 and $3.30 were obtained at special student rates of 85c and $1.10, respectively.

The performance Friday afternoon will be Puccini's famous opera "La Boheme," based on life in the Latin quarter of Paris. The cast includes Bidu Sayoa as Mimi, whose arrival in the "Quarter" deeply affects the life of four happy-go-lucky artists, played by Charles Kullman, George Cehanovsky, John Brownlee, and Ezio Pinza. Cesare Sodero will be the conductor. Following the opera will be the ballet "Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda."

Cafeteria Hit by Nation-Wide Food Rationing Too!

Although some students don't seem to think so, out cafeteria has been hit by the nation-wide rationing program. A 50 per cent cut has been made on all frosted vegetables and canned foods ordered by the cafeteria. It is very hard to obtain meat and butter. The problem of getting ice cream is equally difficult, and because of this Shakerites are asked to give up pie and cake a la mode and double desserts, for only in this way will there be enough to go around.

Concerning shortages, Mrs. Esmeralda Fullerton had the following to say: "Food is not the only shortage in the school cafeteria nowadays. We need help during the lunch hours. We pay $.35 an hour, and any girls who would volunteer for service behind the counters would be greatly appreciated."

Einstein Is Club Speaker

The Wednesday, March 10, meeting of the Travel Club had as its speaker Alfred Einstein, a refugee journalist from Germany.

Introduced at the meeting by Travel Club President Elaine Krasnoff, Mr. Einstein, a relative of the famed physicist, Albert Einstein, told of his life as editor of an anti-Nazi newspaper and a soldier in the French Foreign Legion. He was in the signal corps and fought against Axis troops in Africa before the American invasion.

"To many of the members this proved to be the year's most interesting meeting," exclaimed President Krasnoff, "but it is only an indication of the good things yet to come."

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Pupils Vexed By Pet Peeves

Almost everyone has a pet peeve. We know ours is editors who cut the last paragraph of our excellent (?) articles. When we asked Mary Jo Taylor what hers was she answered (with scorn in her voice), "Right now my pet peeves are men," and scurried into the Council Office to begin balancing the school's budget. Zelma Pitt's favorite peeves are Beethoven's symphonies, Strauss waltzes, and "stuff like that there." One of the newer members of our school, Marc Hyre, is peeved by girls who call him up and won't give their names. "I don't think they're funny."

We were told by Art Faber, an honored member of the 11-A class, that he doesn't like girls who break dates about an hour before the "shindig" is to begin. Barbara Birnbaum has no sympathy for emotional girls who cry easily and are commonly referred to as "leaky dames." Dick Weir objects to pledging. People who don't admire Bev Kuhns are the pet peeves of Bob Clapp, even though he doesn't believe there are any.

And with the sound of trumpets dying away in the distance, we are proud to announce the main gripe of Patrick Troyan,—students who ask the same question more than five times.

Nagel and Fleming Lead Double Life

Did you know that two boys in our school are leading a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde existence? The pair are Bob Nagel and Warner Fleming, both seniors, who are students during school time, and custodians after hours. They are on the staff of nine that keep Shaker High School clean and beautiful.

When Bob started working last June, he was instructed in the art of cleaning by Crosby, who is in charge of the custodians here. Last summer Bob worked on an eight-hour shift, but now he works after school, from 3 until 6.

Warner works in the laundry department of the school. This department is responsible for the clean towels, bathing suits for the physical education department, and collars of the A Capella choir. He keeps the same hours that Bob does.

These two Shakerites are really doing their part to help out with the manpower shortage. Shaker thanks you fellows!

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Burt Says Gristmill To Be Seniors' Book

Nancy Burt, editor in chief of the 1943 Gristmill, says that the Annual will be little more than a senior memory book this year. It will consist of approximately thirty-two pages, most of them devoted to the seniors' pictures and activities. At the back of the book there will be several pages of candid shots, the contest for which will be announced soon. The teacher to whom this year's annual is to be dedicated will be voted on in the near future.

Nancy Burt is assisted by Joan Fiske, appointment editor; Bill Horner, business manager, and an advisory committee made up of Nancy Finley, John Grossman, and Dick Nunamaker. The advising faculty members are Miss Grace Graham and A. G. Ames.

The editors expect to have the Gristmill finished by the end of May.

More Couples Urged to Attend the Noon Dancing

"We love it! The floor is wonderful," is the opinion of noon dancing, expressed by Bebe Morgan and Bruce McKay.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the last 35 minutes of the lunch periods, Shaker students "swing-it-out" free of charge to the recordings of Jerry Moore. Fred Bell, the manager of noon dancing, thinks that more boys should dance, and thus end the question of whether it's proper or not for girls to dance with girls.

To back up Fred is this statement by Mr. Thrailkill: "I would like to see more of the students coming in and dancing in couples. Boy stags make it difficult to do this."

Major Seasholes Endures Pacific Experiences

Tense expressions were registered on the faces of the fifteen members of the ill-fated bomber as the pilot struggled desperately with the controls to bring the huge plane down to an emergency landing among the storm-whipped waves of the Coral Sea.

Major Craig Seasholes, husband of Mrs. Alta Seasholes, chemistry teacher at Shaker, as one of the members of the disastrous flight, has lived through an experience that he will not easily forget.

Forced down on January 30, by a fierce tropical storm not unfrequent in that area of the South Pacific, Major Seasholes and his companions managed to keep afloat for six days and nights on a turbulent sea in two Goodyear life-rafts. Only a very small amount of fresh water, candy bar, and a can of sardines, salvaged from the wrecked plane. The fifteen men subsisted on this and two seagulls, which were caught during the six-day ordeal.

During the sixth day, a PBY flying boat sighted the two small rafts, and a short time later, the rescue of all fifteen men was effected. The Major attributes his safe return to the watchful eye of the Navy and his good fortune. Mrs. Seasholes gives a good deal of credit to the rubber life-rafts, which, it so happens, her chemistry classes were discussing in connection with carbon dioxide at the time of her husband's accident.

Suffering mainly from exhaustion, sunburn, and salt sores, Major Seasholes, upon arriving safely back on land, was given a ten-day leave "somewhere out of the tropics" where he was able to enjoy three square meals a day and a well-earned rest.

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